Whoever reads this Name of Allah 133 times daily, Allah will grant him abundance in rizq and all his tasks will be accomplished without difficulty.

30. AL-LATIF (THE SUBTLE ONE)

Al Hisnul Hasin

"The subtlety of Allah's mercy enters the hearts through the narrowest of openings. Look for His gentle touch in what seems insignificant."

- Abu'l-Qasim al-Qushayri (986-1072 CE)
Source: "Al-Risala al-Qushayriyya"
(The Qushayri Epistle)

To remove poverty, misery, sicknesses, loneliness etc, a person should perform Wudhu In the best of manner and offer 2 Rak'aat Salaat and then say this Attribute 100 times, Insha Allah his object will be accomplished - Al Hisnul Hasin

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Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-LATEEF ﷻ (THE KIND/ KNOWER OF SECRETSﷻ)

Different definitions have been mentioned for this blessed name:

1.) Al-Lateef ﷻ is that Being who deals kindly with His servants i.e. He ﷻ showers kindness onto them in such ways which they don't even know and He creates such means for their needs and works which they can never imagine. Allaahﷻ states,

اَللّٰهُ لَطِيْفٌ بِعِبَادِهٖ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَّشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيْزُ

Allaah is very kind to His servants. He grants sustenance to whomsoever He wishes and He is All-Powerful, All-Mighty.(Shoora)

Abdullah Ibn Abbas ﷺ translates Lateef as حفی which means kind. Ikramah ﷺ translates it as بار which means the bestower of favors. Muqaatil ﷺ has stated that Allaah ﷻ is benevolent to all of His servants so much so that in this world, He ﷻ rains down His favours on disbelievers and sinners also. The favours and grace of Allaah ﷻ upon His servants are of countless forms.

Allaah ﷻ's sustenance is general for all of His creation. He ﷻ bestows sustenance to terrestrial as well as aquatic animals and also those animals not known to anyone. Allaah ﷻ has countless forms of sustenance. Sustenance is general for all according to one's necessity of life. Then He ﷻ has different ranks and scales, according to His complete wisdom in the distribution of special types of sustenance. For some, He grants more wealth, to some He grants health and strength, for others He grants knowledge and recognition, and all other forms are also granted and spread out. In this way, every person remains in need of the other. This need leads to mutual assistance and cooperation which is the basis of human civilization.

Ja'far Ibn Muhammad ﷺ has stated, "Regarding sustenance, Allaah ﷻ's mercy and bounty falls on the servant in two ways 1) He ﷻ grants every living being its necessities and sustenance according to its need 2) He ﷻ does not give any person his whole life sustenance at once because looking after it will be difficult and no matter how much you look after it, you cannot save it from rotting and becoming spoilt." (Qurtubi)

2.) One meaning of Lateef in the Arabic language is refined, in opposition to dense i.e. those things which cannot be perceived and understood by the outward senses. Allaah ﷻ is Lateef, since His Being is free from a body and direction, and it is impossible to perceive Him with the five senses.

3.) Al-Lateef ﷻ is that Being from whom nothing is hidden even though it be very small, fine and insignificant i.e. He ﷻ knows the subtleties and fine points of everything. He ﷻ is fully aware of the fine matters of His servants. He ﷻ is completely cognizant of His servants' hidden needs and their distant expediencies. He ﷻ knows very fine and delicate plans and points of wisdom.

Yusuf ﷺ said:

اِنَّ رَبِّیْ لَطِیْفٌ لِّمَا یَشَاءُ اِنه هو الْعَلِیْمُ الْحَکِیْمُ اَیْ لَطِیْفُ التَّدْبِیْرِله

"Verily my Sustainer is Lateef (does according to plan) whatsoever He wishes. Verily He is all-Knowing, All-Wise." (Yusuf) i.e. He ﷻ does His planning and works in such fine ways which are hidden from the gaze of creation and which are beyond one's intelligence.

فاذا اراد حصول شيء سهل اسبابه فحصل و ان كان في غاية البعد عى الحصول

When Allaah ﷻ wishes to give somebody something, then He ﷻ prepares the means; and this reaches the person very easily, even if all of creation gather and become an obstacle in that thing reaching him; and even if attaining that thing is absolutely difficult because when Al-Lateef intends, then all difficulties are removed.

This means that Allaah ﷻ plans and works in such fine ways which are hidden from the gaze of creation and which are beyond one's intelligence.

The whole incident of Surah Yusuf is replete with examples of the manifestation of this name of Al-Lateef ﷻ:

1.) The brothers threw Yusuf ﷺ in the well and intended to destroy him but Al-Lateef ﷻ hauled him out of the well and allowed him to reach the home of the governor of Egypt.

2.) Zulaykha intended to disgrace him by sending him to jail, but Al-Lateef ﷻ, due to His perfect and delicate planning, placed him on the throne of the king.

3.) The brothers intended to separate father from son, but Al-Lateef ﷻ gathered the whole family together.

Therefore, be convinced that when Allah ﷻ intends to do something, He ﷻ does so with such hidden and fine planning, which no mind can ever fathom.

When the servant knows that his Sustainer is characterized with fine knowledge and encompasses every minor and major thing, then he will judge his every statement, action, and movement because verily at every moment He is in front of that Being who is aware of the finest details and who is All-Aware.

اَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَ هُوَ اللَّطِيْفُ الْخَبِيْرُ

What, does the one who created not know? And He is the Knower of Secrets and All-Aware. (Mulk)